

**Verizon New England Inc.
d/b/a Verizon New Hampshire**

State of New Hampshire

Docket No. DM 05-172

Respondent: Marianne Ryan
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REQUEST: New Hampshire Utilities Commission Staff, Set 3

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ITEM: Staff 3-14 Do you find that few, many or most pole replacements present the need to notify licensees to transfer at the time Verizon is ready to transfer? Please support your answer with any data or studies.

**ERRATA
REPLY:** Information responsive to the request is not maintained in the ordinary course of business, and thus is not available.

In general, however, most pole replacements have third party attachments, which require notifications for transfers of their plant. Each party should be held responsible for notifying the next licensee to transfer until Verizon NH is notified to transfer and, if responsible, remove the pole.

In addition, the electric companies need to take ownership of the process of notifying and ensuring that all third parties are transferred prior to notifying Verizon NH to transfer and remove the pole. The present process negatively impacts the 60 day window that determines the liability of removal, which applies to Verizon's agreements with PSNH and Unitil. This is because Verizon NH has become the coordinator for transfers, as all attachees are being notified at the same time. If Verizon NH did not take this responsibility, the number of poles awaiting transfers would significantly increase, particularly in the urban areas where the number of attachees on poles is greater than in rural areas.

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